

**Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance Committee
Meeting
July 6, 2010**

Approved 8.3.10

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Members Bill Weistling, Gene Langan, Winnie Lewis, Vicki Carmean, Diane Tingle, Mike Quinn, Buzz Henifin, Win Abbott and Pat Schuchman.

Minutes:

- Vicki Carmean made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010 seconded by Gene Langan. Motion passed.

Issues for Discussion & Possible Action:

- From the last meeting: discussion continued on the Sign ordinance. Bill Weistling researched the new type of flags appearing throughout Town. They are referred to as “blade banners” with additional types such as “teardrop” or “wave”. They range in sizes of 8’, 12’, 15’ and 17’ and are approximately 3’ wide.
- The committee agreed that the Ocean City sign ordinance would be useful by copying their definition of banners and signs.
- Chapter 135-2A will be amended to “withstand 35 pounds of wind pressure per square foot and a wind velocity of 110 mph.”
- Chapter 135-2B will be amended using Ocean City Ordinance #66-6B.
- Chapter 1354A(1) currently allows two signs, one on the building and one freestanding for a single-business commercial building. An amendment that would permit the use of “blade banners” will allow for the current allowance of two signs or 2 blade banners or a combination of both.
- Chapter 135-4C4(b) will be amended to prohibit “blade banners” for a subdivided building.
- Chapter 160 was discussed as it pertains to what is allowed in the residential zone. This has to do with homeowners who rent their homes and one in particular who has advertised and rented for wedding receptions. Bill mentioned a news article he found with a nearly identical situation occurring in North Carolina where a mansion in a residential area is being rented for weddings. This matter is currently being considered by a court of law in that state.
- Vicki commented that this situation must be disturbing to the neighbors, however, it is not addressed nor prohibited by our Town code. The owner of the property continues to advertise on the internet his rental as suitable for wedding receptions, large corporate gatherings, etc.
- Discussion of the definition in the code on “home occupation” being revised is something that could be considered.

- Diane Tingle believes that the Town attorney needs to research and give her recommendations.
- Bill was commended by the members for his years as chairman of the C&O committee. He commented he would like to continue as a member once his tenure on council ends.

Comprehensive Plan:

- Winnie Lewis commented that the C&O committee continues to address the goals of the Planning Commission. Buzz Henifin asked how the C&O committee's work compares with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Winnie will have Agnes forward a copy of the report to everyone and will bring a copy to the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Discussions planned will be:
 - Codebook Updates (continued)
 - Next meeting – August 3, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Old:

- None

New:

- None.

Adjourn:

- Winnie Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Quinn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.